

Capsule Summary
SM-405
Tippett Outbuilding
Ridge
Private

Circa 1880 - 1900

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St. Mary's County
Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Plan Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period: Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870 -1930.

Historic Period Theme: Architecture

Resource Type

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use: Unknown

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. SM-405

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DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Tippet outbuilding

2. Location

street & number West side of Route 5 ☐ not for publication

city, town Ridge ☒ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county St. Mary's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: storage

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name William Taft Tippet

street & number telephone no.: 301-872-4330

city, town Ridge state and zip code Md 20680

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Clerk of Court liber CBG 16

street & number St. Mary's County Courthouse folio 383

city, town Leonardtown state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			unknown

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 1

The Tippet Outbuilding is located at the end of a private drive off of Route 5 near the village of Ridge in St. Mary's County, Maryland. This small, one-room building stands next to a modern rancher. It faces east with the principal gable oriented on an east/west axis.

The north, south, and east sides of the structure are sheathed with board and batten siding held in place by wire nails. The west side is covered with weatherboards. Underneath this siding is a wooden frame held together with cut nails. The gable roof was originally covered with cedar shake shingles which have been replaced with asphalt shingles. The foundation consists of cinderblock piers.

The east (main) elevation is pierced by a centrally placed, partially glazed entrance door. The door was added around 1970. A plain eave board finishes this gable end elevation.

The south and north elevations are lit by one two-over-two sash window. These windows were originally 58.5" by 48.5," but were reduced in size for these replacement two-over-two sash windows.

The west elevation is sheathed with weatherboard siding which replaced an earlier layer of siding in the 1940s. A twentieth century exterior brick chimney is centered on this elevation.

The interior of the one-room structure has a wide plank floor. A built-in corner cupboard stands against the northwest corner of the room. The blue, coved ceiling is especially interesting. The interior is currently being used for storage.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates unknown Builder/Architect unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This structure is significant as an interesting outbuilding with a fairly well-preserved interior. Its original use remains unclear, although the interior finishes suggest a residential or office use. No structures contemporary with the outbuilding remain standing or are known to have stood on site.

According to the current owner, this structure was originally located at the Point Lookout Prison Camp. He had understood that it was moved to its current location by Mrs. Mary W. Jones, known locally as "Aunt Pigeon," who had been a cook at the camp. Supposedly, she had purchased the property on which it now stands for \$2.00 an acre, and moved the structure there to serve as her dwelling house.

The St. Mary's County Land Records do not show that Mary W. Jones, or her husband Peter, ever purchased property in the area of this structure. The St. Mary's County Census of 1870 shows the Jones residing with the Henry C. Clark household. Currently, there is no evidence to support the building's provenance as a surviving structure from the Point Lookout Prison Camp.

It is possible that this structure was a summer cottage or an outbuilding associated with a cottage originally located on Point Lookout. These cottages, known locally as "lorettos," were built around the turn of the century. It is also possible that this structure was built as an office for Samuel Raleigh who purchased the property in 1914. Raleigh mentions his office property in his will of 1922.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Attached

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 5 2/10Quadrangle name Point LookoutQuadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification "...lying back of the property of William S. Raleigh, the Courtney property, and the office property of the late Samuel L. Raleigh, running to the property sold to Phoebe Blake. "Source: St. Mary's County Land Records JMM 2/136"

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Elizabeth Hughes, historic Sites Surveyor

organization St. Mary's County DPZ

date December 1993

street & number

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city or town Leonardtown

state Md.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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8.1 Significance

Chain of Title

TO: W. Taft Tippet and Mary U. Tippet, his wife.
FROM: Raymond C. Wheatley and Lillian P. Wheatley, his wife.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber CBG 16, folio 383.
DATE: October 17, 1944.
NOTES: Transfer of 5 2/10 acres.

TO: Raymond C. Wheatley
FROM: Mary Ellen Turner and John William Turner
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber JMM 5, folio 389.
DATE: September 2, 1927.
NOTES: Transfer of 10 acres more or less.

TO: Mary Ellen Turner and John William Turner
FROM: Mary C. Burga and George F. Burga
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JMM 2, folio 136.
DATE: November 22, 1923.
NOTES: Transfer of 10 acres more or less.

TO: Mary C. Burga
FROM: Samuel L. Raleigh
RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Record, Liber BC 1, folio 248.
DATE: October 24, 1922.
NOTES: "I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Mary C. Burga, the tract of land in the First Election District of St. Mary's County, Maryland, lying back of the property of William S. Raleigh, the Courtney property, and my office property, running to the property sold to Phoebe Blake."

TO: Samuel L. Raleigh
FROM: Mary Clara Burga and George F. Burga
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber JMM 1, folio 104.
DATE: July 22, 1922.
NOTES: Transfer of two parcels. Parcel 1 is ten acres more or less.

TO: Mary Clara Burga and George F. Burga
FROM: Samuel L. Raleigh
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 20, folio 119.
DATE: May 19, 1921.
NOTES: Transfer of two parcels. Parcel 1 is ten acres more or less.

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8.2 Significance

TO: Samuel L. Raleigh

FROM: Robert C. Combs, of St. Mary's County, and Stewart K. Powell of Accomac County, Trustees.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 12, folio 439.

DATE: June 6, 1914

NOTES: Transfer of "all that portion of that lot called and known as "St. Johns" or "Ridge Field" which lies on the West side of Three Notch Road except two lots conveyed by Trustees to Alexander Bradburn and Harry Shuman, supposed to contain three acres, more or less." Sale of property was ordered in Circuit Court case 1160, Edwin T. Powell, et al, plaintiffs, vs. Bertie K. Powell, et al, defendants. Price: \$80.00

TO: Robert C. Combs, of St. Mary's County, and Stewart K. Powell of Accomac County, Trustees.

FROM: Estate of John T. Powell

RECORD: St. Mary's County Decree Record, Liber EBA 5, folio 287-317.

DATE: October 31, 1911

NOTES: John T. Powell of Accomac County died intestate on August 20, 1890 possessed of two tracts of land: 1.) "Bar Neck" being 100 acres as per JFF 6/282 and 2.) "Jones Fortune," also known as "St. John's" being 54 acres as per JFF 6/369. The result of this Circuit Court case was the sale of Powell's real estate and division of the resulting income between his heirs at law. Parcel 1 consisted of the Home Farm and the Raley Farm being 100 acres plus 10 acres of woodland. It was sold to Hugh F. Smith and Clarence D. Drury. Parcel 2 could not be sold as one undivided parcel, so it was divided into lots and then sold. Samuel L. Raleigh was one of the buyers.

TO: John T. Powell

FROM: J. Kearney McKay and Maria McKay

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JFF 6, folio 369.

DATE: May 22, 1883

NOTES: Transfer of "St. Johns" being 54 acres and the same as JFF 6/55.

Price: \$700.

TO: Maria McKay

FROM: William R. Pembroke, Rachel C. Pembroke, Thomas Pembroke, Alice A. Pembroke, Mary S. Bayne, Jane R. McKay.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JFF 6, folio 55.

DATE: August 24, 1882.

NOTES: Transfer of parcel known as "St. Johns" being 54 acres more or less.

Price: \$1200.

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8.3 Significance

TO: Benjamin Pembroke

FROM: Alexander Bayne and C. Annie Bayne

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JFF 2, folio 164.

DATE: June 3, 1876.

NOTES: Transfer of parcel known as "St. Johns" being 54 acres. Price: \$1350.

TO: Alexander Bayne and C. Annie Bayne

FROM: Joseph H. Key, Trustee

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JAC 6, folio 356.

DATE: August 20, 1873.

NOTES: Sale of property result of Circuit Court Decree in case 190, William F. Heard vs. Mary Olevia Heard and Alexander Bayne and wife, defendants. Sale of "St. Johns" for \$4025.

TO: Joseph H. Key, Trustee

FROM: Estate of William I. Heard

RECORD: St. Mary's County Decree Record, Liber JAC 3, folio 292.

DATE: October 18, 1868.

NOTES: William I. Heard, single, died on February 13, 1866 possessed of a farm, buildings, etc., called "St. Johns." In a will dated April 28, 1843 he left all his property to his two brothers, Matthew Heard and Joseph B. Heard. While Matthew Heard is now dead, he is survived by two children, Anna Bayne and William F. Heard. A sister of William I. Heard, now a nun at the St. Elizabeth Asylum in New Orleans, is also an heir at law. The judgement of this case is the sale of Heard's property and the division of the resulting income among his heirs at law.

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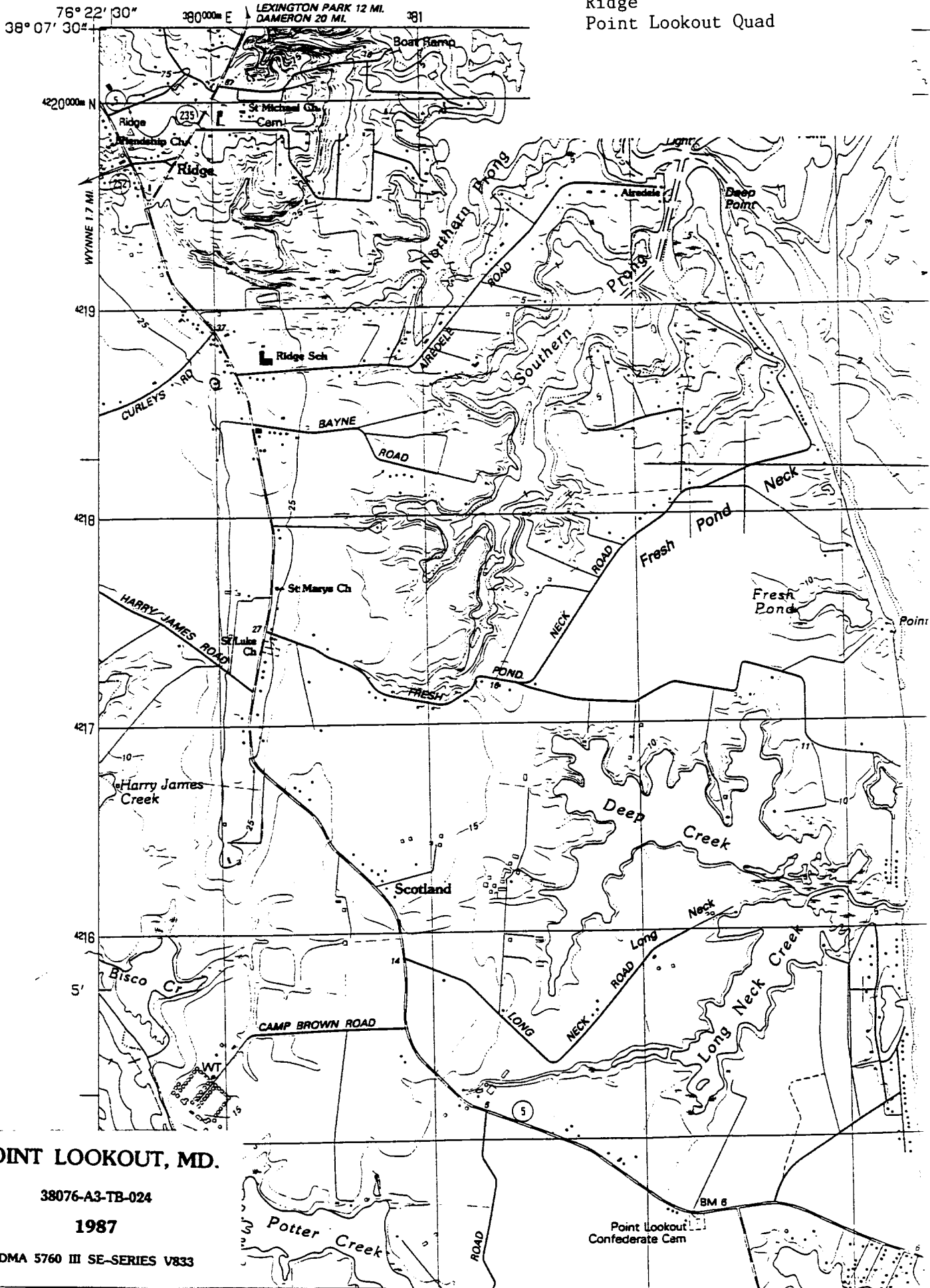
St. Mary's County 1880 Census.

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Point Lookout Quad



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